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## IRISH SAILORS & SOLDIERS LAND TRUST FUND

Well we were not the only disappointed folk around, David Trimble, MP, the North's First Minister; Major Hume Grogan, Administrator of the British Legion (Rep. of Ireland), the Administrators of Leopardstown Veterans Hospital and the Irish United Nations Veterans' Association all very worthy Irish based applicants for funding from the Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust Fund - and all turned down. However, the Ulster Society, of which, Mr. Trimble is a founder member did receive Ir£13,000 for exhibits and seminars, others including Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society's Martello Tower Project were not so lucky. On Thursday 20th May 1999, An Taoiseach, outlined, in Dáil Éireann, the background to the Fund explaining that "As a result of moneys made available from the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust in the 1988 and 1992 periods, approx. Ir£2.65 million was allocated to 24 separate projects, including an allocation of Ir£1.1 million to the RNLI and Ir£1 million towards the restoration of the Shannon Erne Waterway. Arising out of the winding up of the trust, a further Ir£1.5 million approximately has been made available to be disbursed under the terms of the Irish Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust Act, 1988. Commitments have already been entered into amounting to Ir£343,762. Of this, Ir£150,000 was allocated to the Peace Park at Messines, Belgium; Ir£180,000 to the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool; and Ir£13,762 towards the Irish Peace Bell at Messines. Just over Ir£1.1 million remains for allocation to applicants who responded to advertisements placed by my Department. The closing date for receipt of applications was 15 Dec. 1998". Following the long delay in obtaining decisions on the applications the matter was raised again in Dáil Éireann on June 1st., when Mr. Róairí Quinn, T.D. (Leader Labour Party) asked the Taoiseach if applicants who have the potential to obtain financial support from other agencies have been ruled out for consideration by the sub-committee evaluating applications for funding from the Sailors and Soldiers Land Trust fund...." The Taoiseach informed Mr. Quinn that applications were invited for funding in respect of projects which would promote mutual understanding and reconciliation between Britain and Ireland or between the State and Northern Ireland; sustain and develop ventures and/or activities on an island of Ireland basis or relating to the island of Ireland or promote the welfare of the Irish community in Britain. In assessing submissions, An Taoiseach said "priority was given to organisations which would have difficulty obtaining commercial sponsorship or where the organisation or proposal would not normally or readily be funded by other Departments, statutory agencies or other public authorities, by reference to functions discharged or services provided. Furthermore, because of the relative availability of funding from other sources for North-South co-operation, priority was accorded to projects or undertakings between the State and Britain and relating to the island of Ireland as a whole." All 175 submissions received, An Taoiseach assured the Dáil, "were considered on the merits of their proposals and none, regardless of their funding structure, were precluded from consideration." In any event the allocation of this money to 59 applicants was met with dismay by most commentators, not least John Mac Manus writing in "The Sunday Times" (30.May 99) who decried the amount given to British academics and social issues in England relating to Irish communities. Indeed, he may have a point with just over a quarter of a million pounds going to UK based research facilities. In Ireland, save for Scouting Ireland's Ir£71,000 towards the development of a cross-border facility and the installation of a lift in Donegal, less than Ir£30,000 has been committed to Irish based capital projects. This compares to Ir£71,000 allocated to The Irish Centre in London for refurbishment. However, some at home are pleased, the Royal Irish Academy received Ir£25,000 for the indexing and digitising of the OS archive and drawings and the Folklore Dept. of University College

Dublin received Ir£50,000 to digitise its photographic archive. With this once off source now allocated, the question must be asked whether on-going worthy social issues should be tackled in this manner. Surely, the Irish in Britain, especially the needy, the homeless, the aged and the young disadvantaged, deserve funding on a secure and permanent basis from the Celtic Tiger's Exchequer and the British government, to which they paid taxes whilst working in Great Britain and not piecemeal from sources such as the Irish Sailors & Soldiers Land Trust Fund. This Fund should have been directed to securing the development or establishment of permanent facilities in Ireland.. An opportunity lost or lesson learned - time will tell.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday June 8th & July 13th 1999

Evening Open Meeting - An Culturlann, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann,  
Belgrave Square, Monkstown. 20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.  
Buses 7 & 8 - DART Seapoint or Monkstown stations.

Wednesday June 23rd & July 28th 1999

Morning Open Meeting - The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,  
Dún Laoghaire. 10.30 hrs. - 12.30 hrs.  
Buses 7, 8, 46A, 59, 111, 75 - DART Dún Laoghaire Station.

### Our Society's Archive

Located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire. Open (Members only)  
Saturdays 14.00 hrs. - 17.00 hrs and Mondays 19.00 - 21.00 hrs. Closed  
Bank Holiday Weekends i.e. on both days.

Wicklow Co. Gen. Society. Contact Declan Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details

### QUERIES RECEIVED

Note: If you have information on any of the queries below and don't have access to the Internet (where no other address is given) please forward this info. to the Hon. Secretary who will send same by e-mail as required.

George H. O'Reilly, 97, St. Assam's Ave., Dublin 5., seeks info. on FANNIN, Bridget & family, circa 1850 in Dublin possibly in Stoneybatter or North Circular Road area - any info to [ghor@iol.ie](mailto:ghor@iol.ie) or phone 01-8314475 and also on any info on wills or legacies published in Irish newspapers between 1939 and 1941 - is there any index etc available?

Colin Semain e-mail: [cjtsemain@bigpond.com](mailto:cjtsemain@bigpond.com) seeks info. on his grandmother Louisa Tudor. Born in Ireland - he writes "I don't even know how my grandfather came to meet my grandmother at the moment, all I know about Louisa Tudor's father was a Cab Proprietor but where I can't find out however, I know that my grandmother Louisa Tudor, was born in Ireland as my research of the British 1881 & 91 census tells me that both her and her sister were both born in Ireland, In the 1881 census her sister Emily, put she was born in Dublin, but Louisa just put Ireland. Her father's name was Thomas John Tudor". Any info. please.

Duane Giffin e-mail: [dgiffin@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:dgiffin@ns.sympatico.ca) seeks info. on Simon Giffin (1711-1774) Duane writes "I am attempting to trace my ancestry and have the following information to date: Simon Giffin (born c.1711 in Northern Ireland) died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada September 9, 1774. Simon Giffin sailed from Belfast arriving in Boston before 1738/39. If you have any information I would be grateful"

John Mooney e-mail: [john@mooney00.freemove.co.uk](mailto:john@mooney00.freemove.co.uk) writes "I would be very grateful if could send me some information on the best way to start my family history. A brief outline of what I already know. My family I believe has been in the Dun Laoghaire area since the early part of this century or the later part of the 19th century. My father John Joseph Mooney was born on Patrick Street on 15.1.39, and as far as I know my grandfather and great grandfather both James Mooney both originate from the Dun Laoghaire area, my grandmother on my father side, was called Josephine Frazer. The family house in Glashule Eden Villas not sure of the number, is still in the family." Any info. please.

Michael McLean e-mail: [Miceal911@aol.com](mailto:Miceal911@aol.com) seeks info. on his grandfather, Andrew McLane (McClean) I believe his father's name was Michael McClean. Andrew McClean (McLane) was born January 24, 1924 in Dublin. At age 15, he emigrated to the United States (1927) Auburn N.Y. He had one sister, a Maura McClean. His mother's maiden name was Pouch. Any info. please.

Victor Francavilla e-mail: [vfrancavilla@hotmail.com](mailto:vfrancavilla@hotmail.com) seeks info. on the ancestors of Daniel Hogan. His birth certificate is as follows: Name: Daniel HOGAN Born: 5-Aug-1864 in the Kingstown Hospital. Registered: 17-Aug-1864 (no 124) Father: Daniel HOGAN (Albert Road Kingstown) Mother Maiden: Catherine TOOLAN or TOOLE (on later marriage certificate Daniel Junior states OTOOLE). Victor has further details of Daniel Hogan after arriving in America. The only information of that time period known was that he had two brothers that went to Australia. Further to the above the Society provided Victor with the Parents of Catherine Toole (wife of Daniel Hogan) who were Thomas Toole & Mary Toole both of Glashule - they were married in St. Michael's Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) on the 8th Feb. 1836 - wits. James Carroll and Mary McGuire. The surname of both groom and bride the same "Toole" now generally "O'Toole" Thomas & Mary Toole had the following children: 1.

Peter baptised 06. April 1837: 2. Patrick baptised 27. Jan.1839: 3. Catherine baptised 04. Apr. 1841 - married Daniel Hogan 04. Sep. 1863: 4. John baptised 14. Jan. 1844. There is a possibility that the following also belong to this family: 1. Patrick baptised 27. March 1851: 2. Mary baptised 12. Nov. 1854. All baptisms in St. Michael's Kingstown. Any further info. please for Victor.

Pam Sluss 249 Chestnut St Apt 202 Wyandotte, MI 48192 USA is researching her family from Co. Westmeath. They were Quakers named Parvin (possibly also spelled Parlin) Francis was born 1700, Thomas b 1724, Francis jr. b 1726, Benjamin b 1728. She believes they were all born in Ireland. Any information appreciated

Eileen Anderton, Flat 9 "South Hill", Lord Street West, Southport PR8 2BH, England is seeking information McCormick family from Delgany. Her grandfather Richard McCormick was born in 1855. His father also Richard McCormick was born in Delgany in 1800 and his mother Eliza Hunt was born at Spring Farm, Kilcoole, in 1832

John Dossor 72 Wheatlands Park, Redcar, Cleveland TS102PS U.K. seeks information on his grandmother Jessie Mary Salkner born 1874. Members of her family living in Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) 1870 - 1910. The family owned a Grocery Wine & Spirits Business called "Francis Salkner & Sons" at 83 Grafton St. Dublin and lived in a house called "St Kilda" in Sandycove Ave East, Dún Laoghaire.

William Baker 16 Alpraham Cres, Chester CH21QX, England, seek information on his gt gt grandfather John Brandon born Donegal 1798. John's father James was a schoolmaster. Family thought to have moved to Dun Laoghaire after John's birth. In Dublin Diocese Index to Wills 1800 - 1853 reference to a Marriage Licence between Rev. John Brandon and Julia Wharton in 1834. William thinks these may be his gt gt grandparents. Information also requested on Patrick McNamee died 1892 aged 71; father of John Felix McNamee of Indianapolis U.S.A. Patrick was a schoolmaster and may have lived in Balbriggan and later Stamullen, Co. Meath. William seeks to establish that Patrick McNamee was a gt gt grandfather. Any info. please.

### DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

*Your help is urgently needed for our new archive*

Following the great news that The American Ireland Fund contributed USD14,000 (IRP10,000) to the project to restore and refurbish the Martello Tower, once again, we appeal to all our members and friends to assist our fund raising endeavours for the project to provide a permanent home for our Society's Archive. The Society will erect a lasting memorial to all those who, by their kind and generous subscriptions, enabled Ireland's first "Daonchartlann" to become a reality. This memorial will be placed in a prominent position in the Martello Tower as a mark of gratitude and respect. This memorial is an unique opportunity for members and friends of the Society to mark the life of a loved one or that special ancestor by having their names inscribed on this memorial. What better way to commemorate their lives than on this memorial in Ireland's *Daonchartlann* (Ir. "peoples archive"). The Society will publish a full list of subscribers, though not the amounts of each subscription, in the commemorative booklet to accompany the opening of the *Daonchartlann*. As this special memorial has limitations as to the number of names that may be inscribed thereon, only subscriptions in excess of twenty five pounds or fifty dollars will qualify for inclusion on the memorial, though, all subscriptions will receive a certificate to mark the donation and the official opening of the *Daonchartlann*. Payments by mail to the address below or by *Bank Transfer* to: D.L.G.S. Building Fund, c/o Ulster Bank, Rochestown Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Sort Code: 98-59-50 - A/c number: 52252212 *Thank you for your support for this important project & the development of our Daonchartlann.*

### "THE GENIE" BY MAIL

"The Genie Gazette" is free of charge to all our Overseas Members, however, Irish based members receive the newsletter free at each of the two Open Meetings held each month. However, Irish based members can also receive "The Genie" by mail to their homes each month for the special rate of just IRP2.50 (twelve issues). Make sure you'll never loose touch - why not pop a cheque for IRP2.50 in the post today to the Hon. Secretary.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DATA INPUT

Work in your own home on your PC at times that suit you and assist in the publication of valuable genealogical sources.

Contact Barry O'Connor on Tel: 285 4386 or  
Róisín Lafferty on Tel: 280 0894

Thanks Mary

The Society sincerely thanks Mary FitzPatrick for her kind donation of the British 1881 Census on microfiche to the Society's Archive. The microfiche version was the preferred format for multi-use accessibility in the Archive. Mary purchased the set in response to our appeal and she has dedicated this purchase to the memory of a number of religious - names not to hand and time of publication. Thanks Mary.

### NEW PUBLICATION DUE SOON

Irish Genealogical Sources No. 14 will provide a valuable resource for all with an interest in County Wicklow, especially around 1798. This treasure trove of information will be launched in July by George H. O'Reilly, Series Editor. Full details in the next issue of "The Genie Gazette" - watch this space in order to reserve your copy. Nobody with ancestral connections with County Wicklow will want to be without a copy of IGS No. 14.

### LOCAL EVENTS ON DUBLIN'S RIVIERA

Wednesday June 16th - Bloomsday - James Joyce celebration. Breakfast at Scotts and Smyth's on Main Street, Dún Laoghaire and then off to the Tower at Sandycove. Details and Breakfast Tickets Tel: 284 1864.

Friday June 18th - "Towers of Strength" launch of book on Martello Towers at the Joyce Tower, Sandycove. Tel: 280 9265

Sunday June 20th - Dún Laoghaire Community Day in the Tivoli Terrace Football Grounds - the "Bosco Field" - a great family day out for the young the young at heart. Come-on and join the fun!!

Thursday July 1st - Canada Day - Dublin's Riviera hosts His Excellency the Ambassador of Canada at a luncheon in Dún Laoghaire - Details and Tickets contact: Breasal Ó Caollaí on tel: 284 1864

Thurs. July 1st to Sunday July 4th - "American Festival" - the annual 4th of July Festival of fireworks, bands and much more.

Sunday July 11th - 50th Anniversary Dún Laoghaire Grand Prix Cycle Race - around the Town of Dún Laoghaire & seafont.

Weds. July 14th to Sunday 18th July - "A Taste of France" on the Carlisle Pier - everything French to celebrate Bastille Day & much more!!

### OVERSEAS MEMBERS RESEARCH COUPONS

The Society's special Research Coupons for our Overseas Members will be despatched during the month of June to all corners of the globe. These coupons enable our members in New Zealand, Singapore, Australia, Canada, United States, Belgium, France and Great Britain to have limited research undertaken on their behalf by our Archivist, Frieda Carroll and our Overseas Members' Officers, Marie Keogh and Annette McDonnell. Overseas Members who have not received their six Research Coupons by the time they receive the July issue of "The Genie Gazette" should inform the Society's Hon. Secretary at the above address.

### IRISH ROOTS MAGAZINE

Tony MacCarthy, Editor of "Irish Roots" has provided a very valuable guide to Ireland's Genealogical Resources in the latest issue of the magazine. Each of the Heritage Centres, Archives and Societies is listed with details of resources, services, accessibility, publications and activities in an easily read format. "Irish Roots" issue No. 30 is now available for just Ir£2.00 (e-mail: irishrts@iol.ie) - unfortunately, "The Genie Gazette" was not listed as our monthly newsletter - well, maybe next time Tony!!

### AN APPEAL FROM DOWN UNDER

In researching my family history, I have found that my great grandfather Michael Kirwan was born in 1865 at Killeagh, in the District of Aughrim, Co. Wicklow. His father Thomas worked in the mines near Avoca. His mother Catherine (Byrne) also had sons Thomas (1864), James (1859), and Philip (1867). I have been unable to find a record of the marriage, death, or birth of Thomas Kirwan and Catherine Byrne. I do know that Michael and Philip emigrated to the States and that Thomas (Jr.) married Mary Kathleen Redmond and wound up in Brennanstown (1892) and then Comelscourt (1893 on), Co. Dublin. I also have learned that Philip returned to Ireland for a visit in 1926, to visit his family in Foxrock. He took pictures of their house in Comelscourt (right next to where the Magic Carpet Restaurant is now), and also of the old tin church in Foxrock. I also know from photos which he took that he visited Shillelagh in Co. Wicklow. We had no idea specifically where the pictures were taken, but I was lucky enough to correspond with a Mr. Liam Clare of the Foxrock Historical Society. As it happens, he had been part of a project to identify historical photos, so with a bit of a trained eye, he recognised the photo of the tin church. Then, one day when he happened to be driving through Shillelagh, he recognised that the village photo was of Shillelagh. I now know that my great, great-uncle Philip Kirwan took another trip home earlier, to get married. He married Elizabeth Darcy in the RC Church of St. Michael and John, Dublin, on 7/19/1893. I presume that Thomas Kirwan who worked in the mines at Avoca that neither he nor Catherine Byrne were from there. I've had no luck finding their births or marriage through the Wicklow, Wexford, or Dún Laoghaire Heritage Centres. No luck at Deansgrange Cemetery or in Memorials of the Dead. I've tried civil death records for a number of Thomas and Catherine Kirwans, but nothing yet. Right now I'm focusing on the Comelscourt area (through valuation books etc), and also have begun to look for traces of my great great Uncle James. Any info. please to Chris and Kathy Kirwan E-mail: ckirwan@erols.com Or forward info. to the Hon. Secretary, DLGS.

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